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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Date: December 20, 2001

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING THE LOCUS OF A MAJOR RESISTANCE GENE TO THE RICE YELLOW MOTTLE VIRUS,
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
51 pages of specification and claims (including 28 numbered claims), 3 page Sequence Listing, and
9 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 99/07834 | France | 21 June 1999 |
| PCT/FR00/01724 | | 21 June 2000 |

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a continuation/division/continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

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